



## DCFS Latino Advisory Council

1240 S Damen Ave, Chicago, IL

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Chair-Person:**

Nancy Rodriguez

### **Past Chair-Person:**

Juanita Calderon

### **Chair-Elect:**

Yeni Rojas

### **Scribe:**

Patricia Boscan

### **DCFS Members:**

Vanessa Castro  
Yvonne Cordero  
Jose Garcia  
Maria Hernandez  
Sydney Juarez  
Evelyn Martinez  
Azalea Mejia  
Julia Monzon  
Beatriz Ramirez  
Yeni Rojas  
Liliana Romero

### **POS Members:**

Patricia Aguilar  
Jennifer Contreras  
Lisa Marie Perez

### **Ex-officio Members:**

Jose J. Lopez, OLS  
Daniel Fitzgerald

### **Committees:**

Child Safety and  
Permanency

Community Risk  
Reduction and  
Staffing

Data validity and  
Disproportionality

Strategic  
Communications

Latino Family  
Institute

## Amended Minutes

**Attendance:** Rodriguez, Nancy; Rojas, Yeni; Boscan, Patricia; Aguilar, Patricia; Garcia, Jose; Hernandez, Maria; Juarez, Sydney; Mejia, Azalea; Monzon, Julia; Ramirez, Beatriz; Lopez, Jose

**By Phone:** Castro, Vanessa; Rodriguez Lourdes

**Excused:** Calderon, Juanita; Contreras, Jennifer; Cordero, Yvonne; Perez, Lisa Marie; Martinez, Evelyn; Patron Dulce; Romero Liliana

**Guests:** Corcoles, Coty; Washington, Douglas; Gonzalez, Ana; Medina, Jose A. Medina; Martinez, Melissa; Salgado, Daisy; Valentin, Cynthia; Rodriguez

Meeting called to order at 9:08 a.m.

### **Welcome/Reminders/Values/Team Building Exercise**

Nancy Rodriguez led everyone to introduce themselves and to express their own roles in LAC. The LAC Statement of Values was read by each member and guest.

### **Review / Approval of February Minutes**

Item was bypassed to allow Contract Administration Presenter time.

### **Contract Administrator Presentation**

Douglas Washington presented and explained that his role as Contract Administrator is to support programming and help put forth action. Following the Executive Order to use the Business Enterprise Program (BEP), that includes the Minority Business Enterprise, Douglas asks LAC for support in leading charge and focusing on POC (People of Color) businesses. Douglas expressed a lack of business resources with Spanish-speaking capabilities outside of Chicago. Specific areas of needs include, Spanish-speaking differential pay, therapy and counsel, parent coaching, transportation and visitation. Douglas can provide a fact sheet for BEP entities and a copy of the Regional Resource Directory.

### **Burgos Coordinator Report**

Report was presented before Office of Latino Services Report by Lourdes Rodriguez via call. Lourdes reported 20 hires for Placement and DCP and 20-25 bilingual certifications. Lourdes will provide official count the second week of April.

### **Office of Latino Services Report**

Jose Lopez reported working on an update to the bilingual test protocol and minor changes to the grading system after an approximate 8 years. Jose L. continues to work on uncovering what testing mechanism POS agencies use and helping to construct those agencies' tools. Jose L. also reports working to connect consulates with workers to assist children placed in non-Spanish-speaking homes. Beatriz suggests a workshop for Burgos and OLS for placement of children to possibly be held on Family Institute Day. Suggestions included steps for connecting with consulates to be added to the DNET and creating a database of direct phone numbers for consulates.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Child Safety & Permanency –**

Yeni presented a revised purpose statement. The committee is focusing on foster recruitments and access to POS DCFS staff for entity directories.

#### **Community Risk Reduction & Staffing –**

Jose Garcia reported the committee working on developing a survey and working on an article interviewing staff.

Julia requested for the remaining two committees to send their reports by email.

### **Retention Voting**

Juanita Calderon, Sydnie Juarez, Beatriz Ramirez and Vanessa Castro were all voted in for retention by majority of votes.

### **Scribe Nominations**

Beatriz nominated Patricia Boscan for Scribe. Nomination accepted. Patricia B. voted Scribe. Yeni Rojas voted back-up.

### **Non-Agenda Item Called**

Alejandro Medina nominated Yeni Rojas for Chair-Elect. Nomination accepted. Yeni voted Chair-Elect.

### **New Business**

Nancy called for a special meeting. Julia motioned for a special meeting to coordinate a Director's Meeting and to discuss contracts information. Beatriz

seconded the motion. None opposed, no abstentions, motion passed. Meeting to be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m., location 1911 S. Indiana Ave.

Julia motioned to table the rest of the day's agenda for the following LAC meeting in May, to allow more time in the agenda for bylaw revisions and hold elections for the Executive Committee at 11:30 a.m. (due to time constraints involving the day's summit). Beatriz seconded the motion. None opposed, no abstentions, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned (Guests arrived for Summit at 12:00 p.m.)

**Scribe: Patricia Boscan**